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September 15, 2015

Michael Kirst, President
State Board of Education
1430 N St. Suite #5111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Kirst:

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Please include a discussion of the Asian Lunar New Year in the History-Social Science Framework. The discussion should focus on how the Lunar New Year is a tradition that is practiced in different communities. Students should compare how it is celebrated in their local communities and how it connects people today to traditions from the past. The framework should also note that this sometimes is viewed as a religious holiday and the teaching of the Lunar New Year should be done respectfully while avoiding endorsing religious practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Se-Yao Hsu'.

Se-Yao Hsu, Ph.D., PE, PMP
President, JCUAA

cc. The Honorable Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction
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